

REMARKS

Claims 24-26, 28-37, 79-82, 85-95, 99-103, 107-110, 112-118, 122-124, 127-129, 135, 139-140 and 142-143 were examined in the Outstanding Final Office Action. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 24-26, 28-37, 112-117, 142 and 143 were allowed and claims 81, 82 and 123-124 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent claim format.

By virtue of this paper, claims 79, 82, 122, 124 and 143 are sought to be amended and claims, 95, 99-103, 107-109, 135, 139, and 140 are sought to be canceled. The amendments and cancellations are believed not to introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested. The amendments and cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 24-26, 28-37, 79, 82, 85-94, 110, 112-117, 122, 124, 127-129 and 142-143 are thus respectfully presented for consideration further in view of the below remarks.

Currently amended independent claim 79 substantially corresponds to canceled claim 81, in incorporating at least substantially the features of claim 81. Claim 79 is in condition for allowance since claim 81 has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent claim format.

Currently amended independent claim 122 substantially corresponds to canceled claim 123, in incorporating at least substantially the features of claim 123. Claim 122 is in condition for allowance since claim 123 has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent claim format.

Conclusion

Thus all the objections and rejections are believed to be overcome and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172 if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

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